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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN

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1. SUMMARY. FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA TOLD AMBASSADOR ZAMBIAN INITIATIVES TO PROMOTE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE MEETING WITH GENERALLY GOOD RESPONSE, ALTHOUGH SERIOUS DIFFERENCES OVER LEADERSHIP AND COORDINATION ENCOUNTERED WITH ANGOLAN NATIONALISTS. EXPECTS PORTUGUESE WILL BEGIN TALKS WITH FRELIMO WITHIN FORTNIGHT AND WITH ANGOLA BY END OF JUNE. CONFIRMED DOUBTS ABOUT ACCEPTABILITY EITHER TO FREEDOM FIGHTERS OR GRZ OF PENDING RHODESIAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
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SMITH AND MUZOREWA. END SUMMARY.

2. I ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA MORNING OF MAY 31 TO DISCUSS RECENT ZAMBIAN INITIATIVES AND LEADERSHIP IN PROMOTING EARLY DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AND REPRESENTATIVES OF NATIONALIST ELEMENTS IN NEIGHBORING MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA. WE HAD 75-MINUTE CONVERSATION

ON FOLLOWING SUBJECTS.

3. COMMUNICATION AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE NEW PORUTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AND AFRICAN LIBERATIONS MOVEMENTS. I ASKED IF THE GRZ WAS SATISFIED WITH PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS, OR IF ANYTHING NEW IN THE WAY OF GOOD OFFICES HAD BEEN DEVELOPED DURING VISIT OF BRITISH MINISTER JOAN LESTOR (SEPTEL). MWAANGA REPLIED THAT ZAMBIA FOR SOME TIME HAD ITS OWN "PRIVATE CHANNELS." HE BELIEVED HE AND MARK CHONA OF STATE HOUSE WERE PROBABLY ONLY TWO ZAMBIANS WHO VISITED LISBON OVER PAST TEN YEARS. IN CONNECTION WITH REPRESENTATION AT COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS IN LONDON THIS MONTH, ZAMBIA HAD ESTABLISHED A NEW DIRECT LINK BETWEEN PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES AND MOFA PERMANENT SECRETARY MASANINGA AND STATE HOUSE UNDER SECRETARY PETER KASANDA, WHICH WAS WORKING WELL. MWAANGA ASSESSED PROSPECTS GOOD FOR COMMENCEMENT OF TALKS BETWEEN GOP AND FRELIMO WITHIN NEXT TEN DAYS OR TWO WEEKS.

4. MWAANGA DID NOT RPT NOT SAY SO BUT GAVE IMPRESSION GRZ PLEASED WITH WAY GOP APPROACHING AFRICAN COLONIAL PROBLEM, MOVING FROM AGREEMENT ON GUINEA BISSAU TO MOZAMBIQUE AND ON TO ANGOLA. DISCUSSIONS ON LATTER TERRITORY WILL, MWAANGA INDICATED, PROBABLY NOT BE POSSIBLE UNTIL END OF JUNE, AFTER UPCOMING MPLA CONGRESS AND AFTER NEEDED COORDINATING MEETING OF ANY REVAMPED MPLA, WITH FNLA AND UNITA.

5. LEADERSHIP CRISIS IN MPLA. MWAANGA OPENED OUR DISCUSSION ON THIS POINT. HE THROUGHLY ENJOYING ZAMBIA'S PIVOTAPN LEADERSHIP ROLE AND HIS PART IN EFFORTS TO COMPOSE
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DIFFERENCES AMONG ANGOLAN NATIONALISTS ANE GET DISCUSSIONS WITH PORTUGUESE GOING BUT ACKNOWLEDGED GRZ CARRYING WATER ON BOTH SHOULDERS. SAID PRESIDENT MOBUTU IS "FED UP" WITH MPLA'S NETO WHO HAS NOT ONLY INSULTED HIM PUBLICLY BUT FAILED TO CARRY OUT NJNDATE OF DAR ES SALAAM MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS MAY 8 - 9 ON PREPARATIONS FOR MPLA CONGRESS. SEEMS NETO HAS ALSO GIVEN OFFENSE TO PRESIDENT NYERERE WHO WANTS LITTLE TO DO WITH HIM.

CONGO SAID BY MWAANGA TO BE TAKING MARXIST LINE IN ITS
APPROACH TO ANGOLAN NATIONALISTS, THUS LEAVING ZAMBIA
IN RATHER LONELY ROLE AS CONCILATOR. FOR ITS PART GRZ

UNHAPPY WITH NETO'S ARROGANCE AND PRETENSIONS AND MORE
SO WITH WANTON KILLINGS OF OPPONENTS (NEARLY 200 CLAIMED
IN LAST SIX MONTHS). YET GRZ FEELS MOMENTUM MUST BE MAINTAINED
IF PEACE AND STABILITY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA TO BE ATTAINED.

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6. GRZ DETERMINED THAT MPLA SHOULD HOLD ITS FIRST
CONGRESS IN 12 YEARS, "WITH OR WITHOUT NETO." MWAANGA MADE
RUSH TRIP TO CONGO BRAZZAVILLE IN MIDST OF LESTOR VISIT
MAY 29 TO CONTACT CONGO PRESIDENT NGOUABI. AS RESULT
HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE HERE IN NEXT DAY OR TWO
TO WORK OUT PLANS FOR MPLA CONGRESS IN LUSAKA IN JUNE.
(NOTE CONFLICT WITH DAR'S 1734 STATING VENUE IN ANGOLA.)

7. REGARDING RHODESIA, MWAANGA CONFIRMED GRZ
DISSATISFACTION WITH REPORTS ON ADVANCED STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS
BETWEEN SMITH AND BISHOP MUZOREWA. SAID ZAMBIA HAD
SENT MESSAGE TO MUZOREWA "THROUGH PRIVATE CHANNELS" TO
EFFECT IT WOULD PUBLICLY DENOUNCE ANY AGREEMENT WHICH
A) DID NOT RPT NOT PROVIDE FOR CLEAR INDEPENDENCE;
B) MAJORITY RULE; C) SOME TRANSITIONAL PERIOD (NO RPT
NO DETAILS); OR D) WAS NOT SUPPORTED BY JOSHUA NKOMO
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AND NDABANINGI SITHOLE. MESSAGE ALSO MADE POINT TO
BISHOP MUZOREWA THAT ZAMBIA HAD CAREFULLY
REFRAINED FROM CRITICISM OF HIS EFFORTS, BUT QUITE
PREPARED TO DO SO NOW IF FOREGONGG CONDITIONS, WHICH
SOUGHT BY MAJORITY OF ZIMBABWE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, NOT RPT
NOT MET.

8. COMMENT: IT WOULD SEEM THAT CHONA AT STATE HOUSE
IS HANDLING POLICY PLANNING ASPECTS OF ZAMBIAN INITIATIVES
WHILE MWAANGA IS DOING MUCH OF THE IMPLEMENTING LEG WORK IN
OUT-OF-COUNTRY TRAVEL AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR AND PARTICIPATION
IN MEETINGS. ONE OTHER SEPARATION OF FOREIGN POLICY WORK
EMERGES. CHONA'S FOCUS APPEARS CONCENTRATED ON MOZAMBIQUE
WHILE FOREIGN MINISTER'S IS ON ANGOLA, AT LEAST FOR TIME
BEING. WE WONDER IF MWAANGA NOT BEING OVERLY OPTIMISTIC IN TIME-
TABLE FOR PORTUGUESE TALKS WITH NATIONALISTS.
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